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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

TO: EA - WILLIAM H. GLEYSTEEN, ACTING

FROM: EA/RA - FRANK C. BENNETT, ACTING

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1. HUMAN RIGHTS: CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENTS (CPDS) (LOU)

YESTERDAY'S NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING YOURSELF, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARK SCHNEIDER OF HA/HR, THE DESKS AND RA, RESULTED IN AGREED TEXTS FOR THE 13 EA CPDS EXCEPT FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PHILIPPINES. IN THE CASE OF THE LATTER, A CABLE IS GOING OUT TO HONG KONG TODAY TO PRESENT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE BASED ON AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S CABLES RECEIVED HERE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND JUST AFTER THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY. ALL THAT REMAINS TO BE DONE IN THE CASES OF INDONESIA AND SOUTH KOREA IS FINAL TYPING ON THE FORM FOR THE PENTAGON PRINTER. WE WILL ALSO BE PRESSING FOR EARLY TRANSMITTAL TO THE FIELD TO PER-

MIT POSTS TO NOTIFY HOST GOVERNMENTS IN ADVANCE OF RECEIPT OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE DOCUMENTS BY CONGRESS.

THE CPD'S, ALL UNCLASSIFIED, REPRESENT PART A OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNTRY EVALUATION PAPERS FOR NON-COMMUNIST EA COUNTRIES. THE NEXT STAGE WILL INVOLVE CLEARANCE OF PART 0, THE CLASSIFIED "ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS" SECTION OF THE CEPS. MARK SCHNEIDER HAS JUST SENT US A PROPOSED REDRAFT OF PART B OF ONE "PROBLEM" COUNTRY PAPER. THE REDRAFT PROPOSES CONCRETE STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN IF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CLIMATE WORSENED AS CONTRASTED WITH AN ASSERTION IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFT THAT "QUIET DIPLOMACY" IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE COURSE TO FOLLOW IN THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION. THIS DIFFERENCE OF APPROACH COULD LEAD TO EXTENDED NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS AND SEVERAL OTHER PAPERS.

2. EA RESPITE FROM CHRISTOPHER GROUP AND WORKING GROUP (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE (THE CHRISTOPHER GROUP) IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 9. NO EA COUNTRIES ARE ON THE AGENDA - NOT EVEN ON THE "CONSENT CALENDAR" (ITEMS AGREED ON UNANIMOUSLY BY THE WORKING GROUP). THE NEXT MEETING OF THE IGHRFA WORKING GROUP WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL THE CHRISTOPHER GROUP MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE. THERE APPEARS TO BE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT THE JANUARY 9 MEETING WILL BE POSTPONED.

3. ASIA FOUNDATION (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE ASIA FOUNDATION HAS WRITTEN TO DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER REGARDING MR. CHRISTOPHER'S LETTER TO HIM OF NOVEMBER 10, 1977. THE FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN RAISED CERTAIN QUESTIONS REGARDING MAINLY AID SUPPORT, TO ALMOST ALL OF WHICH WE CAN REPLY AFFIRMATIVELY. THE REPLY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT AN ASIA FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING LATER THIS MONTH. CHRISTOPHER

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